

REMARKS

Re-examination and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that the drawings submitted on November 29, 2004 are acceptable. Applicant also thanks the examiner for acknowledging Applicant's claim for priority and that the certified copy of the priority document has been received.

In the Office Action mailed on September 21, 2005, the Examiner objects to claim 8, but indicates that the claim would be allowable if it is amended to be placed into independent form, including all the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. However, the Examiner rejects claims 4-7 in the application.

By the current amendment, Applicant amends independent claim 7 to include the subject matter of objected claim 8. In view of this amendment, Applicant submits that independent claim 7, along with dependant claims 4-6 are allowable over the applied of record, and respectfully requests such an indication by the Examiner.

In view of the amending of claim 7 to incorporate the subject matter of objected claim 8, Applicant submits that it is no longer necessary to discuss the rejection set forth by the Examiner against claims 4-7. However, Applicant wishes to note that the present amendment is being made to advance the application to issue, and is not to be taken as an acquiescence of the appropriateness of the rejection. Further, Applicant expressly reserves the right to submit similar type claims in another application.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

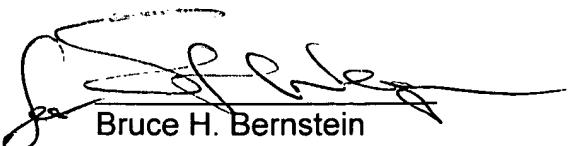
In view of the fact that none of the art of record, whether considered alone or in combination, discloses or suggests the present invention as now defined by the pending claims, and in further view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the Examiner's action and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested and are believed to be appropriate.

Any amendments to the claims which have been made in this amendment, and which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

Should an extension of time be necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

If there should be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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